

Honble

It is not so agreeable to write to a Gent^m when
part of Subject expects ones Self. but there
having lately one or two designing Men in
this ~~Town~~ set themselves in Opposition to me
without any Reason but to promote them
selves & if possible do me an Injury I thought
proper just to hint it. One of them obtained a
Choice last May as a Delegate to the Congress the
other has been an old Deputy Sheriff. the first was
a fast friend & Fool to Brig Buggs till he fell
with Gage & the other a Luke warm Liberty man
tho they have both been other ways since as they see
the Influence of that Enemy to our Constitution began
to fail & the People gather Strength. But you know
for who has been a Veteran in the Cause of Liberty &
his Country ^{in this Town}. And they think now its Time for them
to strain every Nerve. One & indeed both ^{are} furnished
with a considerable Stock of Craft & Low Cunning. but
I hope the Honble Council will do their own business
agreeable to the Charter I mention this because Mr. Thier
mentioned his Desire that the select men & Committee would
Meet & if they thought proper Give their Advice & ap-
-ointing some person suitable to be Appointed as a Justice
In this Town but upon Discouraging the Matter that it
not

Necessary to mention any person. upon that
the Free Man above hinted at & one more
proposed to call a Town Meeting & take the
Voice of the People at large next with Jorie
& half Jorie & their Dependants & Connections
but that was not comply'd with. The argu-
ments us'd against it were that it was contrary
to the Constitution to assume the Right & Power
of the Council &c for my part I think it of bad
Consequence to give the Power more into People's
hands than the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress have
done respecting the Military Officers. It appears
to me altogether Necessary that the Council where
they are acquainted with Persons should make
Appointments without any further Information
I hope those who have suffered in the Cause
& have been from the first Opposers of Unconsti-
tutional power will where their Qualifications
are in some Measure equal to their Appointments
be prefer'd to those who are not only not qualified
but are for Liberty & Constitution from us

No other Motives than self Interest Promotion &
I would just mention with sincerity It is very
agreeable to hear ^{your} ~~the~~ appointment as a Judge
of Probate am with the Greatest regard your
very humble servt!

Hardwick 18th July 1775

Paul Mandell

P.S

Please to make my Compliments
to the Hon^{ble} Messrs Spooner
& White of Brookline & if you
Please Give them the Reading of this
yours &c P. Mandell

1822
To the Hon^{ble}
Paul Wendell Esq^r
Hon. Sec. State
Wash: D. C. 18. 1875

To
The Hon^{ble}
Jedediah Foster Esq^r
at
Watertown